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11. (SBU) Ramadhani Khijjah, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, told Emboff that Tanzania welcomed the nomination of Robert Zoellick to be President of the World Bank. Khijjah noted Tanzania's keen interest in the affairs of the World Bank, and the importance to Tanzania that the Bank move beyond current obstacles in order to continue pursuing its mission of promoting development.

12. (SBU) Khijjah expressed approval of both a change in leadership at the World Bank in general, and of the nomination of Mr. Zoellick in particular. In response to Emboff highlighting Mr. Zoellick's credentials, Khijjah expressed appreciation for Mr. Zoellick's experience as a manager and a champion of development in Africa. He thanked Emboff for providing background information on Mr. Zoellick, and promised to relay the information to his superiors in the Ministry of Finance.
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